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JAMES BRADLEY THAYER, Weld Professor of Law at Harvard University, died at his home in Cambridge on Friday, February 14, 1902, at the age of seventy-one; laying down his tasks quietly after only a single day's cessation from his usual labors. He had been a member of the faculty of the Law School for over twenty-seven years, and nearly all the students who have been graduated from the school during that period, may be counted among his pupils. The qualities which his large-minded modesty could not conceal, his thoroughness of method, his painstaking accuracy, his practical good sense, his easy and familiar handling of large subjects, his broad and deep scholarship, have impressed and moulded thousands of students; and the members of his classes have begun or will soon begin the practice of a responsible profession, better fitted for its duties and more likely to discharge them honorably and thoroughly because of Professor Thayer's teaching and example. Those members of the school who came by chance into relations with him somewhat closer than those of the lecture room, found him hospitable, genial, kindly, and patient, apparently never weary of rendering to the student any assistance in his power. Increasing acquaintance served only to deepen the impression first made, that here was the brain of an intellectual master and the heart of a strong, simple, true man.

His services as citizen, teacher and author are too large to be here critically estimated. The REVIEW is very greatly in his debt, both for the many scholarly articles from his pen which have appeared in its pages, and for the advice and assistance so often asked and so freely given. In acknowledging this debt, the editors may perhaps not improperly add a word in the name of the students of the school, to voice the admiration and respect, the sincere appreciation and the keen personal regret which are felt by those who were under his instruction.
